

## **PSC TO ESTABLISH MCA TASK FORCE**

Jefferson City (January 30, 2001)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has established a case and will create a task force to consider additional issues surrounding the providing of Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) service in the St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield metropolitan areas. In a September 7, 2000 order regarding MCA, the Commission indicated that a case would be established and a task force developed which would examine additional issues regarding MCA.

The Commission will instruct the task force to investigate issues relating to pricing of MCA service as well as the effects of expanded MCA on pricing. In addition, the task force will be asked to bring to the Commission's attention any other issues it identifies which may impact MCA service and its continued viability in the future. The task force is to be organized by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must filed on or before February 20, 2001, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to the following: Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; Craig S. Johnson, Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Baumhoer, L.L.C., 305 East McCarty Street, P.O. Box 1438, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; Paul G. Lane, General Attorney-Missouri and Mimi B. MacDonald, Attorney, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, One Bell Center, Room 3520, St. Louis, Missouri 63101-1976; W.R. England, III and Brian T. McCartney, Brydon, Swearingen & England, P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0456; Linda K. Gardner, Senior Attorney, Sprint Corporation, 5454 West 110th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66211; Charles W. McKee, Esq., Sprint Spectrum L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS, Legal/Regulatory Department, 4900 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64112; Paul S. DeFord, Lathrop & Gage L.C., 2345 Grand Blvd., Suite 2500, Kansas City, Missouri 64108; Carl J. Lumley and Leland B. Curtis, Curtis, Oetting, Heinz, Garrett & Soule, P.C., 130 South Bemiston, Suite 200, Clayton, Missouri 63105; Stephen F. Morris, Esq., MCI Telecommunications Corporation, 701 Brazos, Suite 600, Austin, Texas 78701;

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### **WHAT IS MCA?**

The Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) plan was established by the Missouri Public Service Commission in 1992 for the St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield metropolitan areas. The MCA plan divides a metropolitan area into several tiers of exchanges. Customers located within the central zone and initial tier(s) are automatically provided the MCA service (it is part of their basic local telephone service). In the outer tiers, MCA is an optional service. The outer tiers provide customers with the option of subscribing to MCA service for an additional flat monthly charge.

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